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Firstly it is my opinion that mandates are an injection of communist dictatorship into a democratic process.

Electric vehicles are impractical for a number of reasons and these reasons are amplified in a rural state such as Maine. We lack the infrastructure and charging stations for travel throughout the state. The range of even the best EVs will leave travelers stranded or held up at some obscure location waiting for a charge. This issue is even greater in a cold climate such as Maine's. Leave your cell phone outside for 2 hours on a 10 degree day and then try to use it.

Most of these EVs are priced out of the range for the average Mainer. As an engineer I ran the numbers to purchase and use an EV just as a commuter car since I have a short drive and a heated garage. By the time I bought the car, installed the necessary equipment for a decent charging station in my garage I concluded it was not economically viable. Forcing Mainers into such a situation is un-American.